

87th New Jersey State FFA Convention

At-A-Glance

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

1:00 – Registration
3:00 pm Residence Halls

1:00 – Convention Practice
3:00 pm Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

1:00 – Agricultural Education Advisory
3:00 pm Council Meeting
Afflitto Conference Room, Rebecca Stafford Student Center, 3rd floor

1:00 pm Nominating Committee Orientation
Pollak Theatre 139
Ms. Lauren Fillebrown, Adult Coordinator & Ms. Kelly Gangel, NJ FFA Executive Committee

2:00 – Recreation – Optional for Early
4:00 pm Arrivals – William T. Boylan Gymnasium
Basketball, Volleyball & Pool

3:00 pm Talent Meeting/Practice
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
(Mandatory for all talent)

3:00 pm Official Ceremonies CDE
Bey Hall, Room 129
Mr. Stuart Faunce, Coordinator

3:00 pm FFA Quiz Bowl
Bey Hall, Rooms 225 & 227
Mr. Joe Goodenough, Coordinator

3:00 pm Preliminary Creed Speaking*
Bey Hall, Rooms 130 & 133
Mr. David Watts, Coordinator
Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator
**Creed Finals will take place in Room 130, 30 minutes after Prelims*

3:00 pm Teach Agriculture Event
Bey Hall, Room 223
Ms. Heather Emerson-Phillips, Coordinator

3:00 pm Agricultural Issues Forum
Bey Hall, Room 222
Mr. Richard Belcher, Coordinator

- 3:00 pm Portable Exhibit Set-Up**
Pozycki Hall, Upper Level
- 3:00 pm Art Competition Set-Up**
Pozycki Hall, Room 206
- 3:00 pm Application & Event Drop-Off**
Bey Hall, Room 134
Landscape Design, Scrapbook, Agricultural Awareness, Secretary's Book and Treasurer's Book
- 3:00 pm State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee Meeting**
Pollak Theatre, Room 135
- 3:30 pm Leadership Workshop**
"#TheStruggleIsReal"
Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115
Ms. Abbey Gretsch, National FFA Southern Region Vice President
- 4:00 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator
- 5:00 – Dinner – Rebecca Stafford Student**
5:45 pm Center, Anacon Hall
- 5:30 pm Star Placement, Star Agribusiness & Star Farmer Interviews**
Bey Hall, Room 130
Mr. Randy Trivette, Coordinator
- 5:45 pm Agricultural Education Teachers/Chaperones Meeting & NJAAE Meeting**
Young Auditorium, Bey Hall 113
Mrs. Nancy Trivette, Ms. Debra McCluskey and Ms. Jennifeur Wilson
- 6:00 pm Judging of Scrapbooks**
Bey Hall, Room 132
Mrs. Jessica Wilke, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Agricultural Awareness, Secretary of the Year and Treasurer of the Year Applications**
Bey Hall, Room 229
Mr. Bill Walker, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Hall of States Exhibit Event**
Pozycki Hall, Rooms 204 & 205
Mr. Gaspar Hernandez, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Judging of Portable Exhibits**
Pozycki Hall, Upper Level
Mr. Gaspar Hernandez, Coordinator

- 6:00 pm Judging of Art Competition**
Poszycki Hall, Room 206
Mrs. Allison Mains, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Landscape Design**
Bey Hall, Room 129
Ms. Holly Nelson, Coordinator
- 6:00 pm Leadership Workshop**
“Serve. Lead. Succeed.”
Wilson Hall
Ms. Shannon Norris, Recruiting & Retention Coordinator, New Mexico State University
- 6:00 pm Delegate Workshop**
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Ms. Hope Cahill, State President & Ms. Hannah Mann, State Vice President
- 7:15 pm Delegates Seated**
- 7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting**
- 7:30 pm SESSION I**
“DISCOVER YOUR PASSION”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Ms. Hope Cahill,
State FFA President

Opening Ceremony

Greetings from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Honorable Douglas H. Fisher,
Secretary of Agriculture

Blue Jackets. Bright Futures.

FFA Jacket Presentation

Introduction of State Officer Candidates and Nominating Committee

Keynote Address

“Embracing Awkward”

Ms. Shannon Norris, Recruiting & Retention Coordinator, New Mexico State University

FFA Foundation Report

Mr. Frank Yesalavich, Chair

2016 New Jersey FFA Scholarship Presentations

Sponsored through New Jersey FFA Foundation through Special Projects

- New Jersey FFA Alumni Scholarships
- David Seeley Memorial Scholarship
- Devin Yurga Memorial Scholarship
- Bilinski Senior Award
- Harry S. Schnieber Memorial Scholarship

- John Cummings Memorial Scholarship
- William Hilgendorff III Memorial Scholarship
- Ed Evaul Memorial Scholarship
- Norman J. Schnetzer Memorial Scholarship
- Phillip Alampi Memorial Scholarship
- Taylor Jelliffe Scholarship
- Washington Grange #117 Scholarship
- C. Fred Lorenzo Scholarship
- William G. Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Roszel Scholarship
- James Sheaffer Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Goff Memorial Scholarship
- Clarence and Stanley Garrison Memorial Scholarship
- Michael Anema Memorial Scholarships

Scholarships Continued

- Woodstown Alumni Association/Arthur Jarman Memorial Scholarship
- Sara Cobb Agricultural Education Scholarship
- Joshua Geary Memorial Scholarships
- Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity Scholarships

National FFA Scholarship Recognition

National FFA Convention & Expo Scholarship

Greetings from the National

FFA Organization

Ms. Abbey Gretsck, National FFA Southern Region Vice President

“Be a Duck Potato”

Retiring Address

Ms. Hannah Mann, State Vice President

Special Recognition

Introduction of Courtesy Corps

Ms. Delaney Gray, Coordinator

State Convention Rules

Closing Ceremony

9:30 – Recreation & Ice Cream Social

10:30 pm *Residence Hall Quad (weather permitting)*

11:00 pm Lights Out

Thursday, MAY 26, 2016

7:00 – Breakfast – Rebecca Stafford
8:00 am Student Center, Anacon Hall

7:30 am State Officer Meeting

8:15 am Delegates Seated
Courtesy Corps Meeting

8:30 am SESSION II
“INITIATE CHANGE”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Mr. Tyler Kohlhaas, State Sentinel

Opening Ceremony

Greetings from New Jersey State Board of Education
Mr. Mark Biedron, President

Art Competition Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Official Ceremonies Event Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Landscape Design Event Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Greetings from NJDA Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources
Ms. Monique Purcell, Division Director

“Shine Bright”
Retiring Address
Ms. Myranda Bond, State Treasurer
Special Recognition

Greetings from New Jersey Farm to School Program
Ms. Rose Tricario, Division Director, Food & Nutrition, NJDA

World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Recognition

8,000 Hour Challenge Recognition

Outstanding Community Service Award
Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation

Statewide Community Service Project Recognition

Greetings from Farm Credit East
Mr. Steve Makarevich, Manager, Flemington Branch Office

Agriscience Fair Awards
Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Closing Ceremony

10:00 am PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS
Members and guests should select and attend one of following public speaking events:

3-5 Minute Public Speaking
Pollak Theatre, Auditorium
Mrs. Dawn Edmonds, Coordinator

6-8 Minute Public Speaking
Pozycki Hall, Room 115
Mr. Stuart Faunce, Coordinator

Extemporaneous Speaking
Edison Hall, Room 115
Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

10:00 am Preliminary Team Demonstration Event*
Edison Hall, Rooms 122 & 120
Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator
Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator
**Finals will be held in Room 122
at 1:00 pm*

10:00 am COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Hort Expo Review and Evaluation
Pozycki Hall, Room 205
State Officer: Ms. Morgan Rutar

Constitution, Bylaws and Program of Activities
Bey Hall, Room 228
State Officer: Ms. Hope Cahill

State Leadership Activities
Bey Hall, Room 230
State Officer: Ms. Alyssa Ferraro

State Convention Evaluation
Bey Hall, Room 231
Executive Committee: Mr. Kyle Fisher

Membership and Chapter Relations
Pozycki Hall, Room 204
State Officer: Ms. Hannah Mann

CDE Review and Evaluation

Pozyski Hall, Room 206

State Officer: Ms. Myranda Bond

State FFA Applications

Bey Hall, Room 229

State Officer: Ms. Tyler Kohlhaas

11:45 am Lunch – ***Rebecca Stafford Student Center, Anacon Hall***

12:30 – Recreation –

2:00 pm *Residence Hall Quad & in front of Elmwood (sand volleyball pit)*

1:00 pm Leadership Workshop

“Envisioning Food Security Utopias”

Pozyski Hall, Lecture Hall 115

Henry Gordon-Smith, Blue Planet Consulting

1:00 pm Job Interview Event

Edison Hall, Room 120

Mrs. Natalie Huebler, Coordinator

1:00 pm Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Event *Poszycki Hall, Room 206*

Mrs. Liz Thompson, Coordinator

1:00 pm Individual Demonstration Event

Edison Hall, Room 113

Mr. Peter Dudek, Coordinator

1:00 pm Team Demonstration Event Finals

Edison Hall, Room 122

Ms. Catherine Cincotta, Coordinator Ms. Jessica McCosker, Coordinator

1:00 pm DELEGATE BUSINESS SESSION*

Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

Presiding:

Ms. Hope Cahill, State President

Roll Call:

Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Secretary

Approval of Convention Agenda:

Ms. Hannah Mann, State Vice President

Approval of the 86th Convention Proceedings

State FFA Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposal:

Mr. Tyler Kohlhaas, State Sentinel

Program Affiliation Fee Structure:

Ms. Myranda Bond, State Treasurer

Standing Committee Reports

- Hort Expo Review and Evaluation
- CDE Review and Evaluation
- Constitution, Bylaws & Program of Activities
- State Leadership Activities
- State Convention Evaluation
- State Applications
- Membership and Chapter Relations

Business Session Concludes

**Delegate business session will continue after Session IV if needed*

2:30 pm SESSION III
“BLAST THROUGH BARRIERS”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Ms. Myranda Bond,
State Treasurer

Opening Ceremony

Public Speaking Awards

Creed Speaking

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

3-5 Minute Public Speaking

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation

6-8 Minute Public Speaking

Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

Extemporaneous Speaking Sponsored by New Jersey FFA Foundation and National FFA Foundation

Agricultural Issues Forum Awards

Sponsored by NJ Farm Bureau

“The Struggle is Real”

Retiring Address

Mr. Tyler Kohlhaas, State Sentinel

Special Recognition

NJ FFA Advisor of the Year Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Teach Agriculture Event Awards

Sponsored by New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Greetings from New Jersey Association of Agricultural Educators

Ms. Jennifeur Wilson, NJAAE President

Agricultural Awareness Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Chapter Scrapbook Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Greetings from the New Jersey Soybean Board

Mr. Rick Stern, Board Member

Hall of States Event Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Portable Exhibit Event Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Presentation

First Place Prepared 6-8 Minute Public Speaker

Harry Schnieber Treasurer of the Year Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

New Jersey FFA Secretary of the Year Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

“Little Things”

Retiring Address

Ms. Alyssa Ferraro, State Parliamentarian

Special Recognition

Closing Ceremony

4:30 *Members and guests should select and attend one of following events:*

- *CDE Awards Ceremony/Talent*
- *Student Leadership Workshop*

4:30 **CDE AWARDS/TALENT**
“EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM

Presiding: Ms. Alyssa Ferraro, State Parliamentarian

Opening Ceremony

Presented by 1st place

Official Ceremonies Team

Talent Performance

Career Development Event Awards

(Recipients, please sit in designated areas)

The NJ FFA Association and NJ FFA Foundation fund banners and medals for all first place teams and individuals. The National FFA Foundation sponsors plaques.

Misc. CDEs

Agronomy
Dairy Cattle Evaluation
Food Science & Technology
Livestock Evaluation
Poultry Evaluation

Talent Performance

Fall CDEs

Fruits & Vegetables
Land Judging
Milk Quality & Products
Turf Management

FFA Creed

Presented by 1st Place Contestant

Winter CDEs

Farm Business Management
Floral Design
Forestry
Meat Evaluation

Talent Performance

Spring CDEs

Agricultural Sales
Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems
Environmental & Natural Resources
Floriculture
Nursery/Landscape
Veterinary Science

Talent Performance

National Sweepstakes Recognition

- Chapter
- Individual

Closing Ceremony

- 4:30 pm** **Student Leadership Workshop**
 “Sweet or Salty”
 Pozycki Hall, Lecture Hall 115
 Ms. Abbey Gretsck, National FFA Southern Region Vice President
- 5:45 –** **Dinner – Rebecca Stafford Student**
6:45 pm *Center, Anacon Hall*
- 7:15 pm** **Delegates seated**

7:15 pm Courtesy Corps Meeting

7:30 pm SESSION IV
“ACTIVATE EXCELLENCE”
POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM
Presiding: Ms. Hannah Mann, State Vice President

Opening Ceremony

Keynote Address

“Joy”

Ms. Abbey Gretsche, National FFA Southern Region Vice President

NJ FFA Member of the Month & Member of the Year Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Charles C. Drawbaugh Parliamentary Procedure Awards Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

American FFA Degree Candidate Recognition

Greetings from the Office of Agricultural Education

Mrs. Nancy J. Trivette, State Program Leader, Agricultural Education/State FFA Advisor

Honorary Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony

Job Interview Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

Demonstration Event Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

“28,835”

Retiring Address

Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Secretary

Special Recognition

Annual Report of New Jersey FFA Association

Closing Ceremony

9:30 pm Delegate Business Session
(if needed)

9:30 – FFA Dance
11:30 pm Wilson Hall
(All Members Must Attend)

12:00 am Lights Out

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2016

7:00 – Breakfast – Rebecca Stafford

8:00 am Student Center, Anacon Hall

8:15 am Delegates seated

Courtesy Corps Meeting

8:30 am SESSION V

“LAUNCH YOUR POTENTIAL”

POLLAK THEATRE AUDITORIUM

Presiding: Ms. Morgan Rutar, State Secretary & Ms. Alyssa Ferraro, State Parliamentarian

Opening Ceremony

Reflections – “#FFAProud”

Chapter Challenge Award

Sponsored by NJ Agricultural Society

Star State Chapter Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Star State Greenhand Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Chapter Evaluation Awards

- Superior Chapter Recognition
- National Emblem Chapters
- Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation
- Most Improved Chapter Sponsored by NJ FFA Foundation

State Proficiency Award Presentations

Sponsored through National FFA Foundation

Greetings from Office of Career Readiness

Mrs. Marie Barry, Assistant Division Director, Division of Teaching and Learning, NJ Department of Education

H.O. Sampson Award Program Recognition

New Jersey FFA Alumni Report

- WLC Scholarship
- FFA Quiz Bowl Awards
- Lifetime Membership Ceremony

Mr. Jimmie Ferguson, NJ FFA Alumni Past President

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Best Dressed Chapter Award

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Essay Event Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

FFA Week Awards

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Greetings from Rutgers University

Dr. Laura Lawson, Dean of Agricultural and Urban Programs

Distinguished Service Awards

Convention Recognition

- Convention Assistants
- Stage Decorations
- Courtesy Corps

State FFA Executive Board Recognition

Talent Performance

Garden State FFA Degree Recipients

(please sit in designated seating)

Garden State FFA Degree Ceremony

Sponsored by NJ FFA Association

Star State Farmer, Star State in Agribusiness & Star State in Agricultural Placement Awards

Sponsored by National FFA Foundation

“Fight Song”

Retiring Address

Ms. Hope Cahill, State President

Special Recognition

Nominating Committee Report

Election of 2016 – 2017

New Jersey FFA State Officers

“A Tradition of Excellence”

Past New Jersey FFA State Officer Presentation

Installation of 2016 – 2017

New Jersey FFA State Officers

87th State FFA Convention in Review

Remarks by 2016 – 2017

State FFA President

Closing Ceremony

11:15 am 2016 – 2017 Officer Team Photo

Pollak Theatre, Auditorium

11:30 am Check Out – Garden Apartments, Maplewood, Redwood, Oakwood, Willow & Mullaney
Residence Halls

12:15 – 2015 – 2016 and 2016 – 2017

1:00 pm State Officer & Convention Staff Luncheon & Meeting

Pollak Theatre

1:00 – 2016 – 2017 State FFA

3:00 pm New State Officer Meeting

Pollak Theatre, Room 135